

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL FUND.

DIFFERENT STATEMENTS AS TO HOW  
THE DEFICIENCY OCCURRED.

Ex-Trustee Brooks Claims That the Board's Estimates Were Correct—The Commissioners Had Imperfect Data and Trouble to Fix the Amount.

The school board minutes of Oct. 31, 1857, show that Chairman J. H. Brooks, of the ways and means committee, forwarded to the commissioners a report of estimates for salaries of teachers in which it was stated that at the (then) present schedule of rates the salary of the teachers would be \$420,000 would be required, instead of \$241,000 previously estimated and submitted. The report stated that the average per teacher must be increased from \$241 to \$420. The report also stated that the board of trustees in August, 1857, reduced the teachers' and officers' pay 10 per cent., and by failure of Congress to appropriate a sufficient amount of money for the year 1858, reduced the same 10 per cent. more, making 18 per cent. reduction in nine years. At the meeting of the

The duty of the commissioners requires them to estimate for the support of every department of the District Government, and also for the part support of United States institutions established within the limits of the District of Columbia, they no doubt find that the revenues of the District are insufficient to meet the demands.

The time has arrived when the question must be presented to Congress for settlement whether in the District of Columbia all children of school age shall be provided school accommodations, or whether, by failure to do so, the crime of neglect will be committed. The consequence crime will be increased. The schools must be progressive to be healthy.

here is not now more than five years, and, for want of means only a little over two thirds of the school population is provided with a school.

Commissioner Webb yesterday stated that when the commissioners made up their estimates for the schools the data they had at hand was imperfect. When they found, after much trouble, what was really needed, they immediately asked for an increase of a supplemental estimate. The cause of making up a new estimate, the commissioner said, was that the statistics arriving at what was the need, amount for the schools. They discovered

Mr. Wilson, the chairman of the committee in charge of the District appropriations, stated that the appropriation committee found that the school board had been evading the law by having about 500 substitute teachers at salaries of \$250 per annum. These the committee aimed to do away with, but provided for an increase in number of full teachers. For the year 1918 there were 548 teachers, at the rate of \$1,000 per annum.

salary, \$600; total, \$649,125; for last year there were 555 teachers, at an average salary of \$610, making the appropriation for salaries of teachers, \$337,850. The commissioners asked for 560 teachers (in-

Mr. Wilson stated further that the objection he took to the published statements in reference to the appropriation for the schools was the fact that his committee have been charged with creating a

**FAILED TO PICK A DEMOCRAT**  
How a Treasury Auditor Was Deceived  
in Selecting a Clerk.

ciously deceived in making a regular appointment. He made the requisite requisition upon the civil service commission for four names, and they were

New England, one was from Pennsylvania and the other was a South Carolinian named Pluckney. The latter graded high, the officer, with a chuckle of satisfaction.

I will appoint him." Accordingly, Pinckney was notified of his appointment and presented himself for his commission. But the officer, who expected to see a military representative of one of the sons

he discovered that Mr. Pinckney was black as the ace of spades, and so far from being a Democrat was an active Republican wire puller. He got his \$1,000 clerks all the same, but the auditor will judge.

**FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH**  
The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows met in the hall on Seventh street last night. A session was spent in the discussion of reports on appeals, finance, &c. To-m

A project is on foot among the Old Fellows of the District to get up an excursion

will assemble in Boston on September next. The session will be of great importance to Odd Fellows, and the attendance of the fraternity on that occasion will

Grand Master Crandall stated last night that the Sovereign Grand Lodge committee had failed to give the least indication what city they would recommend.

however, that Washington would be chosen spot. It presented the more reasonable arguments as being the place for that body.

A horse belonging to Peter Emory, of Sixth street southwest, injured its left hind leg last night by falling into a man-trap on E and-a-half street, near U southwest.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 15.—The 5th Maryland regiment arrived here this morning from Baltimore on a special train. They came strong, and the whole city is devoted to their entertainment. They were met at the

**Nominated for Congress.**  
ACQUSTA, GA., July 15.—Hon. George

and fair  
7 a. A bill to retire Gen. Alfred Pleasonton, 1861-1862, was reported to the Senate

Mr. Sewell, from the Senate committee on military affairs, reported a bill authorizing retirement of Gen. Averell, with rank and pay of captain of cavalry.